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Mr. Dave Geiser  
Director, Office of Legacy Management  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Ms. Carol Rushin  
Acting Regional Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
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Mr. Gary Baughman  
Division Director, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management  
Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment  
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## **RE: Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment**

Dear Messrs. Geiser, Baughman, and Ms. Rushin,

As the Department of Energy (DOE)-designated Local Stakeholder Organization for Rocky Flats, the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council is expressing its support of the downstream communities to advocate for the “*No Action*” alternative for the Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment. These downstream communities, collectively representing more than 300,000 residents, have expressed their support for the “*No Action*” alternative by sending letters to DOE this past February 2010.

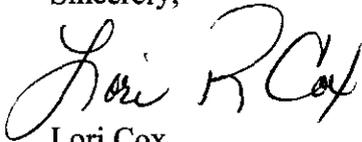
The communities favor the “*No Action*” alternative primarily based on two concerns: 1) uncertainties resulting from an insufficient post-closure period of record for assessing hydrologic conditions at the site, and 2) the inability to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy due to

the ongoing construction activities, recent operational changes, and future plans for phased modifications at landfills and groundwater treatment systems.

In addition, we request that DOE host a formal public meeting on the Rocky Flats Surface Water Configuration Environmental Assessment within the first two weeks after the document is published for the mandatory thirty-day public comment period.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important issue and provide support for the downstream users who could be impacted by the proposed federal actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Cox". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Lori Cox  
Chair

cc: Ray Plienness, DOE  
Scott Surovchak, DOE  
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